

## REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 21 has been canceled herein. Thus, claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koizumi in view of Sauer and Tsay.

Claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein and without acquiescence to the prior art rejection.

In item 3 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-20 were allowed.

Accordingly, all the pending claims in the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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